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29 June 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Keneth MacDonald  
Chief, History Staff

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Transcript of Colby Interview

1. Attached is the transcript of an interview with Mr. William E. Colby by State Department historian David W. Mabon. We shall appreciate having your office return this document to Mr. Mabon.

2. Also attached, for your information, is a letter sent to Mr. Colby advising him that we had not subjected the interview transcript to a classification review. We pointed out to him that we regard the interviews being conducted by State of active or former CIA employees as potentially classified.

3. We should appreciate a formal notification from your office to State affirming our request to regard all interviews conducted with current or former CIA employees as potentially classified. Such a policy would ensure that all material relating to such interviews is protected until cleared by this Agency for publication in the series Foreign Relations of the United States.

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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. William E. Colby

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Dear Mr. Colby:

We have received the transcript of your interview with David W. Mabon, Office of the Historian, Department of State, and have returned it to him through the Office of the CIA Historian without submitting it to a classification review.

As you may recall, we have a standing agreement with State to conduct a classification review of all material relating to Agency interests selected for publication in the series Foreign Relations of the United States.

Regarding the interviews now being conducted by the Department on the Vietnam War, we have reaffirmed with their historical office that all interviews with Agency employees, former or active, should be regarded as containing potentially classified material. We do not plan to review the transcripts of individual interviews, but rather only that material selected for publication.

Please consider your interview with the State historian as potentially classified. If you wish to publish any portion of that interview, we are prepared, of course, to conduct a regular pre-publication review of that material.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director